

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-9, 11-28, 30-50, and 52-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Xue in view of Sansone and Buckley. This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 as amended recites, *inter alia*, "creating disposition identifiers in response to a disposition event corresponding to a change in message status; associating the disposition identifiers with said message, wherein disposition identifiers are associated with the message in response to a change in message status . . . the status notification including disposition identifiers created prior to the triggering event." Support for these features is found in at least paragraph [0046] of Applicants' specification. None of Xue, Sansone and Buckley teaches or suggests this feature.

In analyzing claim 2 related to disposition identifiers, the Examiner cites to Xue, column 13, lines 3-14. This section of Xue describes types of information that may be provided in a status message, but does not detail the accumulation of disposition identifiers corresponding to a change in message status, which are then included with the status message once a triggering event occurs. Neither Sansone nor Buckley teaches or suggests these features.

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Xue in view of Sansone and Buckley. Claims 3-9 and 11-19 variously depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Xue in view of Sansone and Buckley for at least the reasons advanced with reference to independent claim 1.

Independent claims 20 and 42 recite features similar to those discussed above with reference to independent claim 1 and are patentable over Xue in view of Sansone and Buckley for at least the reasons advanced with reference to independent claim 1. Claims 22-28 and 31-41 variously depend from independent claim 20 and are patentable over Xue in view of Sansone and Buckley for at least the reasons advanced with reference to independent claim 20. Claims 44-50 and 52-63 variously depend from independent claim 42 and are

patentable over Xue in view of Sansone and Buckley for at least the reasons advanced with reference to independent claim 42.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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